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SONIC X™

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND HIS FRIENDS WERE SENT TO EARTH BY ONE OF DR. EGGMAN'S MACHINES! SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS HAVE MADE A HOME AND A NAME FOR THEMSELVES ON EARTH. DR. EGGMAN HAS BEEN TRYING TO CONQUER THIS NEW WORLD... UNTIL NOW!

GO GRAN GORDO!

La Layenda del Gran Gordo!

The Legend of the Great Big Guy!

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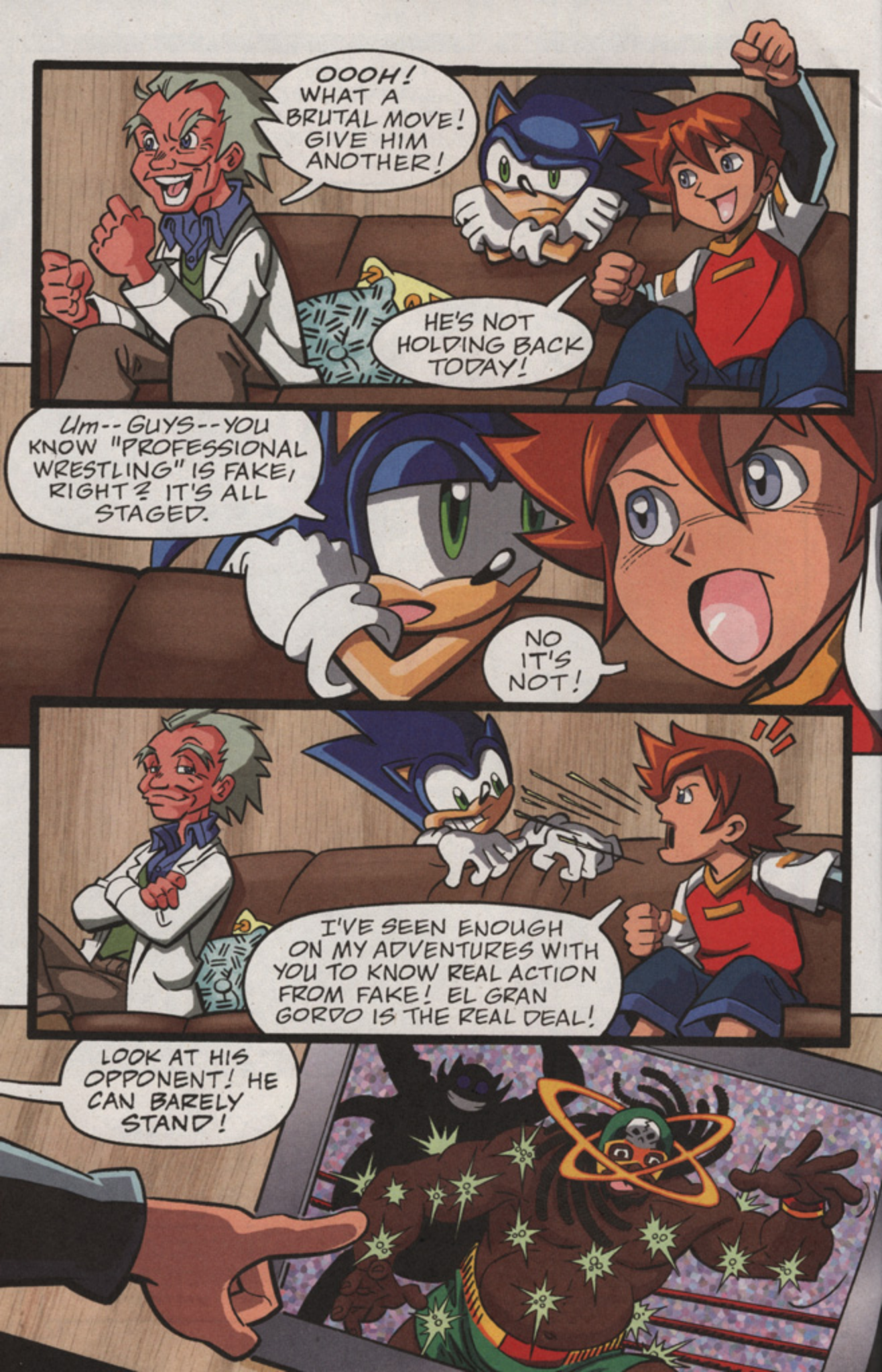
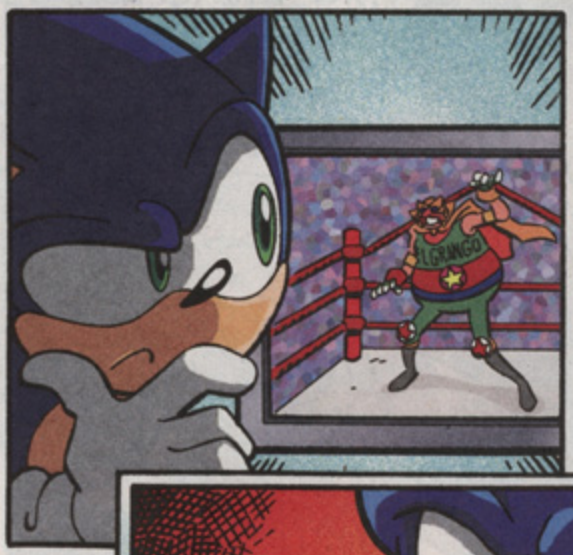

OOOH! WHAT A BRUTAL MOVE! GIVE HIM ANOTHER!
HE'S NOT HOLDING BACK TODAY!
Um-- GUYS-- YOU KNOW "PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING" IS FAKE, RIGHT? IT'S ALL STAGED.
NO IT'S NOT!
I'VE SEEN ENOUGH ON MY ADVENTURES WITH YOU TO KNOW REAL ACTION FROM FAKE! EL GRAN GORDO IS THE REAL DEAL!
LOOK AT HIS OPPONENT! HE CAN BARELY STAND!

CHRIS, THERE'S NO WAY HE COULD FIGHT LIKE THAT FOR REAL! IT'S OBVIOUSLY DR. EGGMAN IN DISGUISE!
YOU TAKE THAT BACK! EL GRAN GORDO IS A TRUE HERO!
≥GAK!≤ BUT--! SO OUT OF SHAPE--!
NOW-NOW, BOYS! IT CAN BE HARD TO TELL WHAT'S REAL AND WHAT'S NOT ON THE TELEVISION...
...SO YOUR FATHER GOT US A COUPLE OF TICKETS TO EL GRAN GORDO'S NEXT MATCH HERE IN STATION SQUARE!
SERIOUSLY?!
AWESOME!

TOO BAD THERE ARE ONLY TWO TICKETS, SONIC. YOU WON'T GET TO SEE HOW AWESOME EL GRAN GORDO IS IN PERSON!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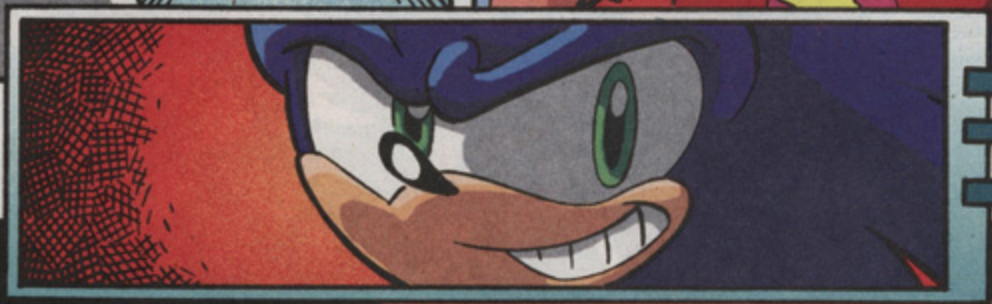

"WE'LL JUST SEE ABOUT THAT, CHRIS."

YAY!

GIVE IT A BREAK, FOLKS! THERE'S A DESIGNATED PHOTO-OP TIME TOMORROW!

YAAY!

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE PLAN? THIS "GRAN GORDO" NONSENSE IS SUPPOSED TO BRING IN LOTS OF GREEN-SLIPS-OF-PAPER...
...TO FUND YOUR NEXT GREAT CREATION! A GIANT, SONIC-STOMPING ROBOT!
I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN! MY "GRAN GORDO" CHARACTER IS RAKING IN THE DOUGH!
BESIDES, IT SOUNDS TO ME LIKE YOU TWO ARE GROWING JEALOUS OF MY PROWESS IN THE RING!

WHAT PROWESS?! IT'S ALL A TRICK!

YOU DESIGNED THESE SPECIAL MINI-ROBOTS TO LOOK LIKE SEQUINS.

THEY GET ALL OVER YOUR OPPONENTS.

THE MINI-ROBOTS WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE A NEGATIVELY CHARGED FIELD--

--WHILE THE POSITIVELY CHARGED SUPER-MAGNET WE HID UNDER THE RING PULLS THEM TO THE GROUND!

IT'S A BRILLIANT IDEA! IT ALLOWS ME TO SHOW MY MENTAL *AND* PHYSICAL PROWESS!

YOU'RE CAUGHT UP IN YOUR OWN ACT! AND YOU MAKE US WEAR THESE RIDICULOUS DISGUISES!

THIS WIG *ITCHES!*

YOU GUYS ARE LOUD.

GAH!

YOU SHOULD ALL RELAX WITH SOME COTTON CANDY! THEY'VE GOT ENOUGH TO SWIM IN!
I KNOW-- I TRIED!
YOU REALLY NEED TO LAY OFF THE SWEETS, BOKKUN. THAT MUCH SUGAR WILL WARP YOUR BRAIN.
RE-HEE-HEE-HEE-EALLY?
THE SAME CAN BE SAID ABOUT BELIEVING YOUR OWN HYPE!
WOULD YOU STOP IT? WE'RE ALMOST AT THE GOAL I SET AT THE BEGINNING. THEN WE'LL BE DONE WITH THIS FACADE.
...BUT ALL THE SAME...

EGAD! QUICKLY, EVERYONE! BACK INTO THE ACT!
KNOCK! KNOCK!
HEY!

¡HOLA, SEÑORITA! ¿QUE PASA?
SEÑOR GORDO! I'M SCARLET GARCIA WITH STATION SQUARE NEWS.
GRANGORDO

I WAS HOPING I COULD GET A COMMENT OR REACTION FROM YOU ABOUT YOUR NEWEST CHALLENGER?

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THORNDYKE INDUSTRIES LTD.

CHARITY FIGHT!

ONE NIGHT ONLY IN STATION SQUARE!

WORLD-WIDE HERO

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

VS.

OVERNIGHT SUPER-STAR

EL GRAN GORDO

ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO CHARITY!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS! MY TWO BIGGEST IDOLS! THE WORLD'S GREATEST HEROES!
ONE ON ONE!

DON'T GEEK OUT TOO MUCH, CHRIS.
I REALLY DON'T THINK IT'LL LAST TOO LONG.

IT WON'T WITH A LAZY ATTITUDE LIKE THAT!

I'VE SEEN THIS GORDO GUY IN ACTION. HE'S TOUGH! IF YOU WANT TO STAND A PRAYER OF A CHANCE YOU NEED TO GET IN SHAPE. AND I'M JUST THE GUY TO TRAIN YOU!
OH, FOR THE LOVE OF...

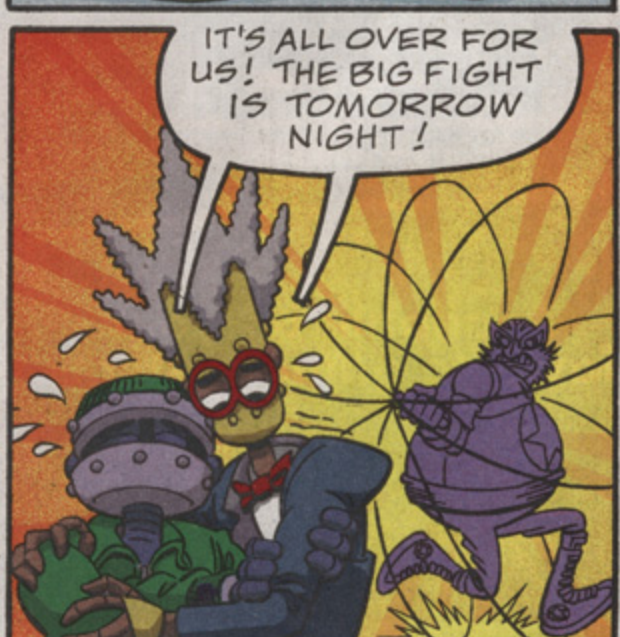
PUSH IT, HEDGEHOG! DO YOU WANT HIM TO WALK ALL OVER YOU?

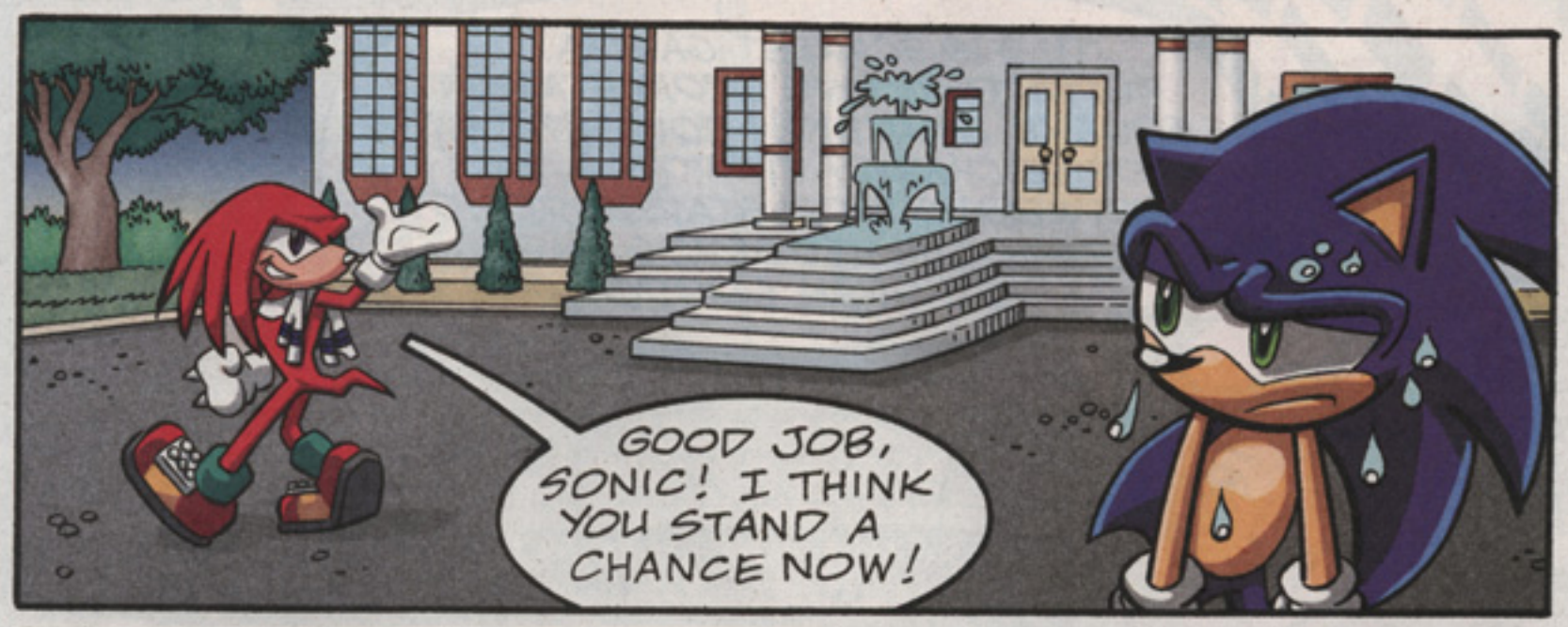
THIS IS A DISASTER! HE'LL WALK ALL OVER US!
EL GRAN

WORK IT, HEDGEHOG! OR DO YOU WANT THIS TO BE OVER IN ONE ROUND?

WE'RE DOOMED! IT'LL BE OVER IN ONE ROUND!

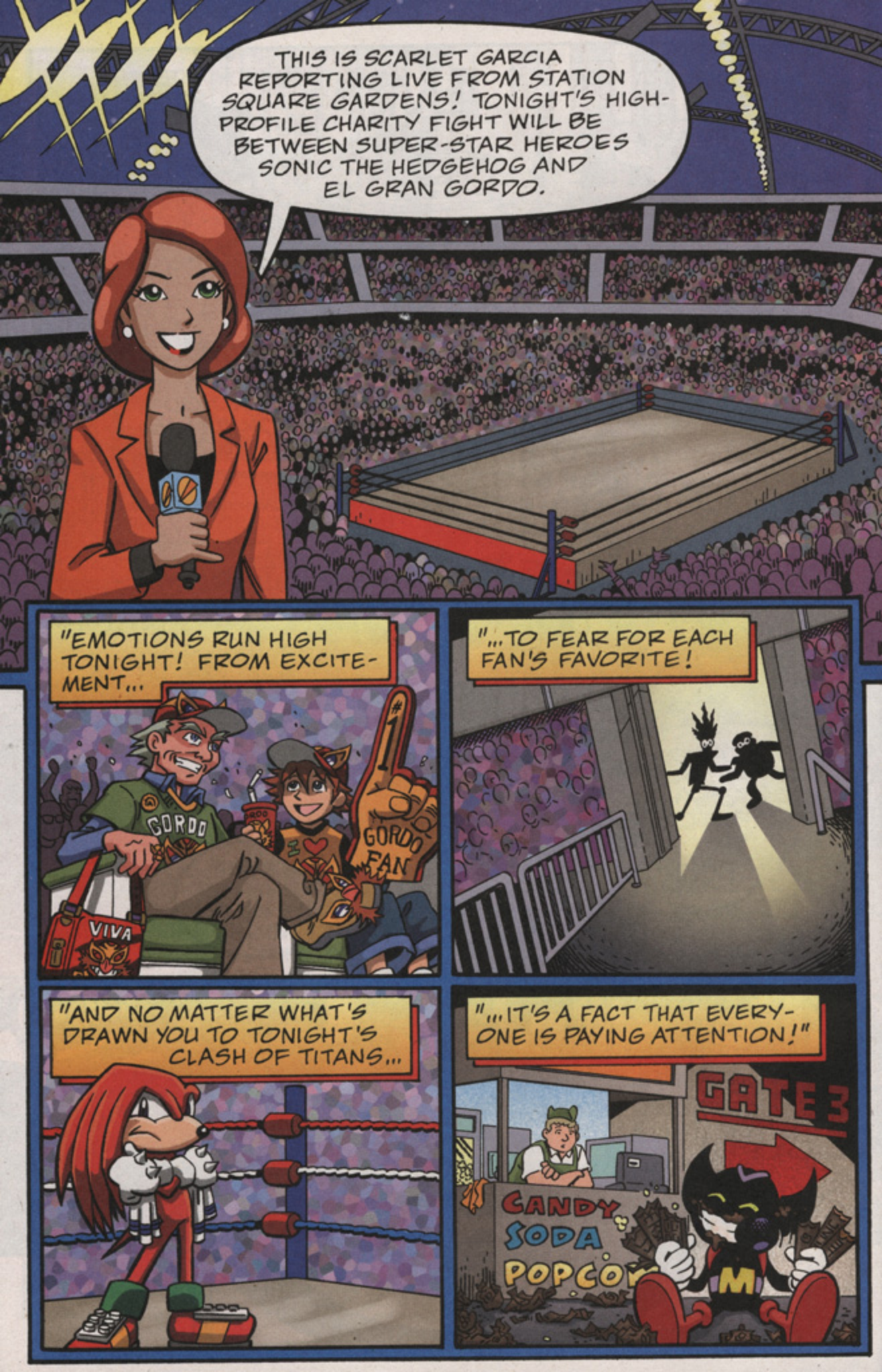
PICK UP THE PACE, HEDGEHOG! THE BIG FIGHT'S TOMORROW NIGHT!


IT'S ALL OVER FOR US! THE BIG FIGHT IS TOMORROW NIGHT!

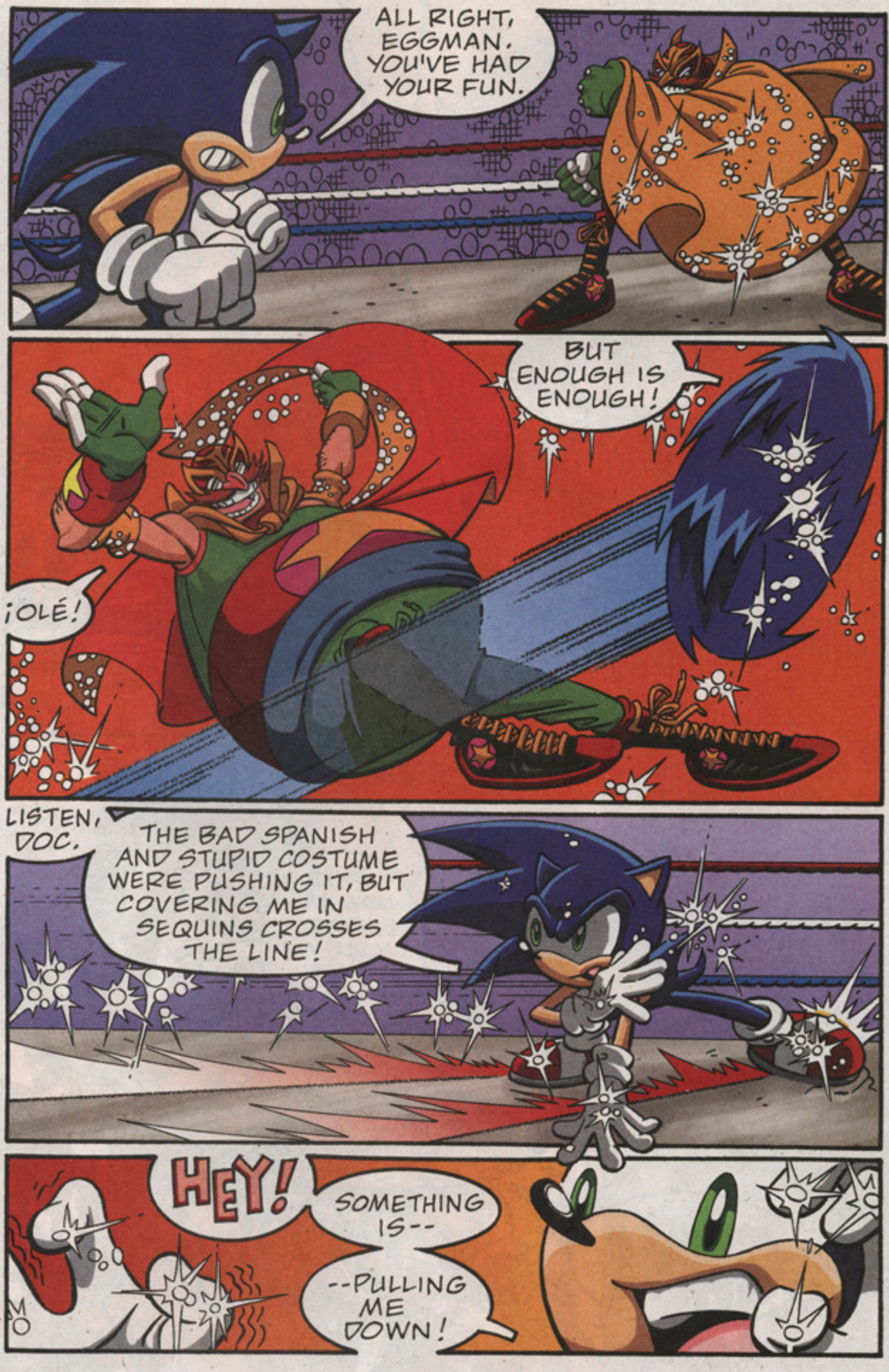

GOOD JOB, SONIC! I THINK YOU STAND A CHANCE NOW!

IF YOU'RE QUITE FINISHED, FIND OUT WHERE BOKKUN IS WITH DINNER!
ORDO

OH, STATION SQUARE... YOU LOOK SO SHINY AND PRETTY...
LIKE CANDY!
YOU'RE GOING TO BE ALL MINE.
PIZZA
PIZZA

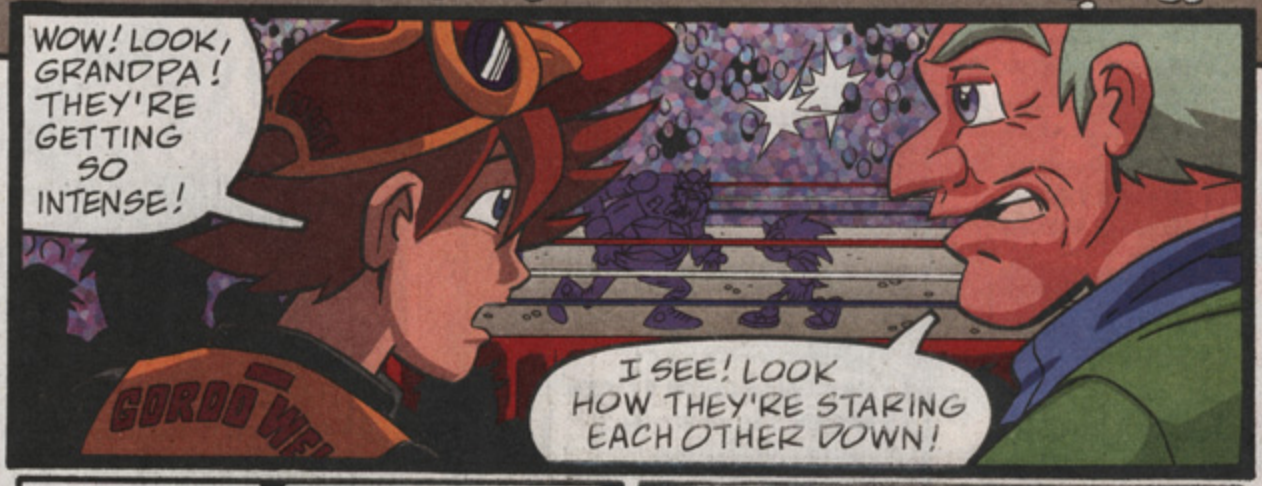

THIS IS SCARLET GARCIA REPORTING LIVE FROM STATION SQUARE GARDENS! TONIGHT'S HIGH-PROFILE CHARITY FIGHT WILL BE BETWEEN SUPER-STAR HEROES SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND EL GRAN GORDO.
"EMOTIONS RUN HIGH TONIGHT! FROM EXCITE-MENT...
GORDO
VIVA
#1
GORDO FAN
"...TO FEAR FOR EACH FAN'S FAVORITE!
"AND NO MATTER WHAT'S DRAWN YOU TO TONIGHT'S CLASH OF TITANS...
"...IT'S A FACT THAT EVERY-ONE IS PAYING ATTENTION!"
GATE 3
CANDY
SODA
POPCOR
M

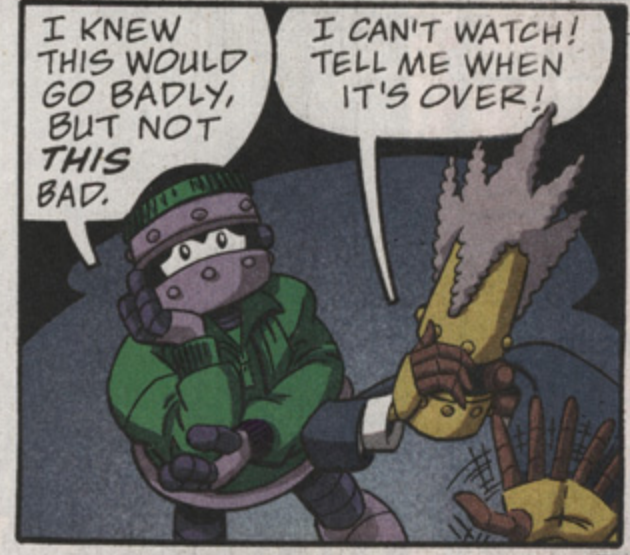
IN THE BLUE CORNER! WEIGHING IN AT THIRTY-FIVE KILOGRAMS! THE CHAMPION FROM ANOTHER WORLD...
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!
IN THE RED CORNER! WEIGHING IN AT ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT KILOGRAMS! THE NEW HERO FOR A NEW AGE...
EL GRAN GORDO!
EL GRAN GORDO
IS THE SUPER-MAGNET READY?
MORE THAN WE ARE.

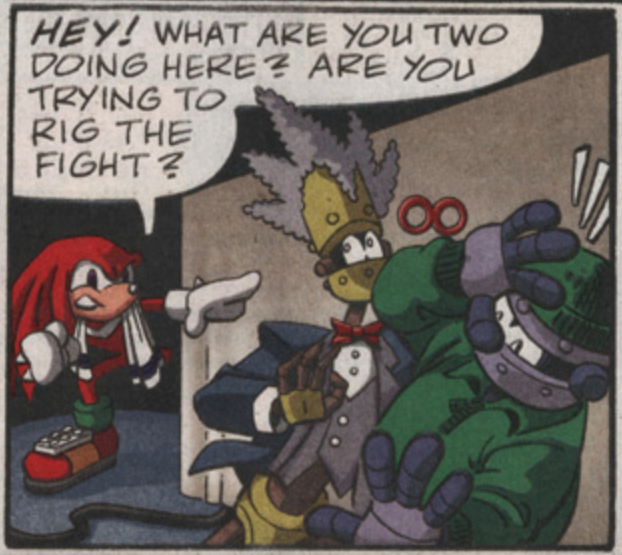

ALL RIGHT, EGGMAN. YOU'VE HAD YOUR FUN.
BUT ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!
¡OLÉ!
LISTEN, DOC.
THE BAD SPANISH AND STUPID COSTUME WERE PUSHING IT, BUT COVERING ME IN SEQUINS CROSSES THE LINE!
HEY!
SOMETHING IS--
--PULLING ME DOWN!

I GET IT NOW!
YOU'VE RIGGED THESE FIGHTS!
FOR SHAME, YOU SHAM! THESE PEOPLE BELIEVE IN YOU!
I WAS JUST GOING TO EXPOSE YOU FOR BEING A FAKE PERSONALITY...
...BUT NOW I'LL EXPOSE YOU AS A FAKE ATHLETE TOO!
GAH!

MY MINI-ROBOTS MAY HAVE GIVEN ME A SLIGHT EDGE, BUT MY VICTORIES HAVE BEEN MY OWN!
I'LL BELIEVE IT WHEN I SEE IT! BRING IT ON, YOU OVER-STUFFED ENCHILADA--
--IF YOU CAN MOVE, THAT IS!


WOW! LOOK, GRANDPA! THEY'RE GETTING SO INTENSE!
I SEE! LOOK HOW THEY'RE STARING EACH OTHER DOWN!


I KNEW THIS WOULD GO BADLY, BUT NOT THIS BAD.
I CAN'T WATCH! TELL ME WHEN IT'S OVER!


HEY! WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING HERE? ARE YOU TRYING TO RIG THE FIGHT?

YAAAAAAY!

GO GRAN GORDO!

GO SONIC!

EL GRAN GORDO
THUD!
GRAN GORDO
NOW TO END THIS FARCE...
SONIC, WAIT!
LET ME STAY AS EL GRAN GORDO AND OUR FEUD IS OVER! PLEASE LET ME STAY THEIR HERO!

Next issue: "Who is the Cape?" (If you missed the clue in this issue, you may need to pay closer attention.) The city is devastated and Sonic can't save everyone alone. He will need help, and guess who he needs? Look for **SONIC X#27** on sale the week of 12/17/07!

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